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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the patent application of:

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**FOR: Distribution Management System And Distribution Management Method**

Enclosed are:

Five (5) Sheets of drawings.  
 An Assignment of the invention to: Y. K. Logistics Corporation.  
 A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. P2000-166046 filed June 2, 2000.  
 An associate power of attorney.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.  
 A Preliminary Amendment.  
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Sir:

The undersigned has been authorized by the Applicants, Hiraku Izumino, Takayuki Fushi and Yasuiku Koike, to file the enclosed patent application, and to defer filing of the Declaration/Power of Attorney.

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